GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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OZONE LAYER DEPLETION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the effective steps taken by the Government to check ozone layer depletion;

(b) whether the Government has signed international agreements regarding implementation of various measures to check ozone layer depletion;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the financial assistance provided by international organisations in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)to (d): India is a Party to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. India has also ratified all the amendments to the Montreal Protocol till date. India has been implementing the phase-out of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODSs) as per the Montreal Protocol schedule and has met all its commitment and compliance obligations to the Montreal Protocol till date.

India has prepared a country program in 1993 to phase-out the ODSs and has taken, measures which include, inter alia, notification of the Ozone Depleting Substances (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 and its amendments under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

The Executive Committee (Ex-Com) of the Multilateral Fund (MLF) for implementation of the Montreal Protocol had approved 303 projects with estimated funding of about Rs. 1503 crores for phasing out 58,980 Ozone Depleting Potential (ODP) tonne in production and consumption sectors of the ODSs and awareness campaigns.